

## Friends of Roseburn Park

21 October 2015

### Minutes

**Present:** Valerie Forbes, Hamish Ross, Peter Gregson, James, Neil Gardiner, Alette Willis, Jane Stevenson

#### Election of Committee Members

Welcome to new members:

Alette Willis

Neil Gardiner

#### Election of Office-Bearers

Valerie has stepped down as Chair

Peter has replaced her as Chair

Hamish remains as Treasurer

Alette has become Secretary

**Valerie** and **Peter** are to meet to exchange contacts

#### Dates of Future Meetings

November 25<sup>th</sup>

December 13<sup>th</sup> (Christmas event, no meeting in December)

January 20<sup>th</sup>

February 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Lease of Old Toilet Block

A proposal was tabled at the AGM to abandon the project of leasing and renovating the Old Toilet Block. A decision was taken to consult with our members about what they want to do. We will contact the Council after this consultation. Neil suggested that we need to know what we want the park to be in order to make decisions like this one. We will post about this consultation on Facebook and put up posters on the Community Board in the Park and on the Toilet Block itself.

**Hamish** will let the architect know that we are consulting residents about the possibility of abandoning the plan.

**Hamish** will put together posters and **James** will laminate them.

#### Update on Flood Prevention Scheme

We wish to have the following questions asked at the next meeting of the Flood Prevention Scheme:

- Timeline for consulting the public on the restoration plan for after the flood prevention scheme has been completed
- Has a landscape architect put together a plan yet? Is there a design brief? A tender?
- If there is a landscape plan we'd like to see it

A suggestion that we come up with our own plan for what we'd like the restoration to look like.

A request that someone take responsibility for printing off an A3 of the most up-to-date FPS plan and bring it to each meeting so we can better envision what is going to happen in the park. The most up-to-date version is on our website.

**Alette** will circulate the links to the Plan.

**Valerie** and **Neil** will attend the next Flood Prevention Scheme mtg on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

**Hamish** will contact his contact at Spokes

**James** will print off and bring an A3 plan

**Alette** will make the plan into a page on the Wordpress site

It was mentioned that we need to pay attention to how well the new plan will protect pedestrians and cyclists from the traffic coming off the bridge into the Arena.

### **Play Park Update**

We will ask when the Council will consult about this at the Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> mtg.

While we want the current young children's play park moved to a sunnier location, we need to have something on its site in order to keep that site as part of the park.

The Friends have lots of ideas about the play park, some conversation about using natural materials in play parks. Conversation about how to provide for the needs of both younger and older children. It was mentioned that the Council have a play park strategy.

Overall, we want to take part in any consultation about the play park.

Some discussion about our vision of the park being one of multi-use and not just a sports park (which is what it is registered as)

Also some discussion about renewing our attempts to get a Green Flag and having a wildflower planting.

### **Christmas Event**

Jane is in charge of the Christmas event. James will bring his stuff, including a marquee. ½ of the wine is left from last year. A desire to do a better job collecting donations this year, last year we lost a lot of money. Last year about 50 people turned up and it didn't quite work right.

We decided to hold this year's event on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Title: Carols in the Park. And do a better job with targeted advertising, such as to churches. Mince pies, carols and wine.

### **Any Other Business**

None.

**Valerie and Neil** will ask about some of this at the next FPS mtg on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**James** will bring marquee and anything else needed.

**Hamish** will put together a poster

**Someone** needs to contact the churches and their singing groups to advertise.